

been published for two or three weeks. Also it's something that has been talked about off and on for a couple of years. We talked about it at different times with the parimutuel bill this year. Earlier this afternoon we adopted many amendments to many bills. They were, in essence, bills that had no public hearing. In fact, we did several earlier this afternoon that dealt with agriculture, on the checkoff that had no public hearings this year and there were no bills introduced. So I would appreciate it if Senator Nelson would withdraw her challenge and let us go on and vote for the amendment and vote for the bill. If the votes aren't there for the amendment, the votes aren't there for the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh, please.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, I also rise to object. We have not had a public hearing on this issue. I think we're wasting our time. I'm ready to get to Final Reading.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I ask a ruling of the Chair. Is this issue germane? Do you care to rule on that?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, now that you bring it up I'm afraid it's not germane.

SENATOR PAPPAS: I challenge.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, I'm challenged. Senator Vard. Oh, was that you, Senator Pappas, that said that?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR PAPPAS: But basically what we're doing is gutting the bill, so it should be germane and plus the previous bill was referred to occasionally as a dog bill and we're dealing with dogs and...it had 32 votes the first time. I hope it carries a second time. But basically we're not looking at a long lengthy amendment like we've seen this afternoon that some people have brought in the last couple days. We're looking at an amendment that simply inserts dogs by horses by a vote of the people in the Constitution and I think the people deserve the option in Nebraska. You've heard a lot about Council Bluffs and